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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

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Serial No. 10/722,234

For: COUNTERMEASURE SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF USING SAME§
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Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Clements, Michelle Renee.

Attorney Docket No.: A310429.1US

AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action issued in the above identified application on May 25, 2005. A one month Extension of Time is requested to extend the time for response to September 25, 2005. Authorization is provided to charge the fee of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 502346. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

In the Specification

With respect to the objection to the Specification, as not providing proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, Applicant fails to understand the Examiner's position. In respect of "zero-twist rifling", Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to page 23 and the paragraph beginning at line 1 and continuing to line 13 where the term "zero-twist rifling" and the components thereof are described. Further reference to the Specification beginning at page 20, line 7 through to page 23, line 13 discusses the structure, function and action of guide key 76 and keyway 68 in establishing and restricting rotation of the cartridge 50 during the launch cycle. On page 23, at line

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